NOTICE OF EMERGENCY RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION

AGENCY: Department of Marine Resources

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192

RULE REPEAL AND PROMULGATION: DMR Regulation 95.05 LL, Closed Area No. 30-I, North Haven Island, promulgated on June 15, 1990, is repealed and replaced with the following rule:

Text of Rule: DMR Regulation 95.05 LL, Closed Area No. 30-I, North Haven Island.

Effective immediately, because of potential microbiological contamination, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of North Haven that are enclosed by the northwestern and northeastern shoreline of North Haven Island and a line that begins on the easternmost tip of Mullen Head and runs northerly (about 1.9 N. miles) to the westernmost tip of Burnt Island; then runs westerly about 2.8 N. miles to Egg Rock; then runs southwesterly about 4.1 N. miles to the northwesternmost point of land in Wooster Cove; then southwesterly to the westernmost point of land (Stand-in-Point) on North Haven Island.

EXCEPTION: That portion of North Haven Island which is inside and easterly of a line across the salt pond causeway at the northeastern end of Pulpit Harbor is classified restricted for depuration and requires a special MDMR permit.

Violation of any provision of this regulation shall be a Class D Crime (12 M.R.S.A. Section 6204).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

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STATEMENT OF FACT AND POLICY

As authorized by 12 M.R.S.A. Sections 6172 and 6192, the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Marine Resources repeals the emergency DMR Regulation 95.05 LL, Closed Area No. 30-I, North Haven Island, promulgated on June 15, 1990, and replaces it with a new rule. This new rule reclassifies the salt pond on North Haven Island as restricted for depuration.

Department personnel have determined that closed areas are subject to microbiological pollution from point and non-point sources, which pose a threat to public health. Consequently the harvesting of shellfish in the closed areas is prohibited.

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